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In re Patent Application of:

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For: VARIABLE RESOLUTION DECODER

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid		r	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate		Additional Fee
Total	8	-	20*	=		X		
Independent	4	-	4**	=		X		
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^{*}not less than 20

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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